

RELIEF FOR BRONX IS NOT IN SIGHT.

Rain Will Prove of Only Temporary Benefit---Birdsall Has a Remedy.

There is no chance in the water situation in the Bronx today, and Chief Engineer Birdsall repeats his statement that until there is rain there will be no improvement in the situation in that borough.

There is a slight increase in the water in the Williamsburgh reservoir, said Mr. Birdsall, but it is not sufficient to even suggest relief.

"I want to say," continued Mr. Birdsall, "that the bill proposed by Comptroller Coker to take away the powers of the Municipal Assembly and restore them to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment will not help us. The Water Department ought to be vested with the same powers as are now exercised by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. That Board lays out its work, makes its plans, advises for bids, lets the contracts and then calls on the Board of Estimate for money to pay for the work, and the Board of Estimate is obliged to give it."

"Don't lay the blame for the delays that have resulted in the present water famine on the Municipal Assembly alone. It must be remembered that the Board of Estimate held up this work two whole years, only giving their approval in 1899. If we could have gone on with the work when I first foresaw the present situation and presented plans for the Jerome Park pumping station away back in 1888—the work would have been completed long ago and there would be no famine up there now."

Comptroller Coker denies that the Board of Estimate is blameable for the hold-up of water funds.

"My bill will give the Board of Estimate full authority over water funds," said he. "It is a shame that bonds asked for in a serious emergency like the water famine should be subject to a holding in the Board of Estimate."

WHERE WATER IS RUNNING TO WASTE

Brooklyn Engineer Says There Is Plenty in Suffolk, but Law Acts as Barrier.

Engineer Van Buren of the Brooklyn Water Department, who has been urging the repeal of the Barr law, which prohibits that borough from taking water from Suffolk County water sheds, said today that there are about 100,000 gallons of water going to waste daily and that Brooklyn needs only 100,000 gallons. He said Brooklyn would be willing to pay for the water supplied, but that the people of Suffolk County are prejudiced, claiming that the water sheds in the bays would be endangered.

He said that unless there was a good rain today, tomorrow or Monday, the Bushwick avenue main would have to be cut off. In reply to a report from the Kings County Medical Society that the water shed was improperly patrolled and that there were impurities in the water, Mr. Van Buren said that the bacteriological analysis of the water showed it was in good condition, and that no traces of typhoid fever germs could be found.

ALDERMANIC CANDIDATE OUT FIDDLING FOR VOTES.

Spencer Ward, a Chicago Lawyer, Conducts Novel and Apparently Successful Campaign.



WINNING VOTES WITH HIS VIOLIN.

CHICAGO, March 9.—The Aldermanic contest here is interesting. Homer Palmer has thrown in a dash of high society, and out in the Twenty-sixth Ward Spencer Ward, a college graduate, and for fourteen years an attorney of some prominence, is fiddling his way every night into the hearts of the voters of his district.

Mr. Ward is an accomplished violinist, and when he draws his bow he can gather a crowd, irrespective of political affiliations.

He entertains his selections with political chat, and when he leaves the platform he drinks beer with his constituents to show that he is "no Y. M. C. A. candidate."

The democratic campaign managers say he will surely fiddle his way into the City Council.

low C. Ellsworth, on the third floor of the Lexington avenue house. The room is heated by a gas radiator.

Ellsworth was aroused about 5:20 by the smell of gas. He traced it to the Steinburg room, and breaking in the door, found husband and wife unconscious.

The rubber tube had become detached from the gas jet, and the pipe was pouring its entire supply into the room. He hurried a hall-boy for aid and Sullivan and Gardsley responded.

The policemen dragged the unconscious couple into the parlor. There they stretched them out and began the movements for artificial respiration, while word was sent to Flower Hospital for an ambulance.

The policemen worked with such skill that before the hospital was reached the couple were revived. They were taken to the hospital, where they were restored to consciousness and Mrs. Steinburg was showing some signs of life.

Steinburg relates that in getting into bed he struck the gas tube and detached it from the pipe.

COUPLE FOUND DYING FROM GAS.

Message Operators Saved by Prompt Action of Policemen.

Victor Steinburg, thirty-one years old, and his wife Helen, thirty-two, message operators well known in wealthy New York families, were asphyxiated by gas early today in their apartments at No. 65 Lexington avenue. They are now in Flower Hospital recovering from their asphyxiation.

The couple owe their lives to the intelligent work of Policemen Sullivan and Gardsley.

Mr. and Mrs. Steinburg returned to their last night from Tuxedo, where they had spent a week. They retired to their apartments at 65 Lexington.

His parents live at Reading, Pa.



SIZING UP THE NEW BOY.

VOWED FATHER'S DEATH FOR SLUR AT GIRL'S LOOKS.

Young William Moore Tells Why He Put Poison in the Food.

CAMDEN, N. J., March 9.—William Moore, an eighteen-year-old boy, has confessed that he tried to poison his father because he ridiculed a photograph of the youth's sweetheart, Mary Dolly. It was only a cheap tin type, and the elder Moore, who thought his boy too young to worry his head with sentiment, found simple material in it for caricature. The next morning Moore found his breakfast tasted bitter and put it away from him. Mrs. Moore examined it later and found it contained a red powder. She rubbed this on her hand and it made a stain. She had seen similar stains on her son's hands. He works in a mirror factory.

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